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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 15, 2005,  
having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire  
October 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on Page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 7 of this paper.